Maureen stood on the boardwalk and stared at the fortune
teller’s booth. She’d always thought fortune telling was a little
spooky.

“Come on. I want to get my fortune told,” Becca said,
pulling Maureen toward the booth.

They walked through the strings of beads hanging in the
doorway. It was completely dark inside. The only light came from a single candle in the middle of a
round table. A

“Please. and we will fin

Maureen’s hands shook as she reached up and touched the lucky seashell she wore on a string
around her neck.

Madam Ursula sat down and closed her eyes. “You are very superstitious, are you not?”

“She is!” Becca said.

Maureen’s foot shook. How could this woman know anything about her? Her shoe grazed the leg
of the table.

“You’re nervous. You think people shouldn’t have their fortunes told.”
“Wow!” Becca said. “You’re amazing! What else can you see?”

Madam Ursula smiled. “Hmm. I have good news. You will receive a gift from a friend today.”

“Ooh! I wonder what it will be,” Becca said.

Maureen relaxed in her chair. She didn’t listen as Madam Ursula told Becca her fortune. She thought about her own fortune. She touched her seashell necklace, feeling the smooth paint of the four-leaf clover on the front of it. Four-leaf clover! That’s how Madam Ursula knew she was superstitious.

In her excitement Maureen wagged her foot harder. Madam Ursula jumped. Maureen peered under the table. She hadn’t been nervously kicking the table leg. She’d been kicking Madam Ursula. But what about the gift she was supposed to get from a friend?

“That will be ten dollars for the both of you,” Madam Ursula said.

“I got it.” Becca put the money on the table.

“Got it,” Becca said.

“Yeah, it kind of was.”
1. When they first walked in the fortune teller’s booth, how were Maureen and Becca’s attitudes towards Madam Ursula different.
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2. Complete the graphic organizer.

3. Which word best describes Becca? (Circle one)
   - timid
   - outgoing
   - intelligent
   - greedy

   Explain why you chose this word.
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4. Which word best describes Madam Ursula? (Circle one)
   - overwhelmed
   - graceful
   - confused
   - insightful

   Explain why you chose this word.
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Fill in the missing letters to create a word from the story. Then, write the full word on the line. Be sure you spell each word correctly.

1. ___ n ___ a n ___ ___
   hint: colorful cloth used to cover the neck or head
   ______________________________________

2. ___ a ___ w ___ ___ ___
   hint: sidewalk made of wood
   ______________________________________

3. ___ u ___ e ___ ___ t i ___ o u ___
   hint: believing in magic or luck
   ______________________________________

4. ___ ___ z ___ d
   hint: scraped or touched lightly
   ______________________________________

5. ___ o ___ p ___ n g
   hint: allowing your body to drop heavily into a chair
   ______________________________________

6. ___ g g ___ d
   hint: moved from side to side
   ______________________________________
1. When they first walked in the fortune teller’s booth, how were Maureen and Becca’s attitudes towards Madam Ursula different.

Becca was excited to see the fortune teller and she wanted to have her fortune told. Maureen was a little frightened and she did not want to talk to the fortune teller.

2. Complete the graphic organizer.

3. Which word best describes Becca? (circle one)
   
   timid   outgoing   intelligent   greedy

   Explain why you chose this word.

Becca seems outgoing because she excitedly dragged Maureen into the fortune teller’s booth.

4. Which word best describes Madam Ursula? (circle one)

   overwhelmed   graceful   confused   insightful

   Explain why you chose this word.

Madam Ursula is insightful because she notices small details and makes observations about people.

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The Fortune Teller
Vocabulary Activity

Fill in the missing letters to create a word from the story. Then, write the full word on the line. Be sure you spell each word correctly.

1. b a n d a n n a 1. bandanna
   hint: colorful cloth used to cover the neck or head

2. b o a r d w a l k 2. boardwalk
   hint: sidewalk made of wood

3. s u p 3. superstitious
   hint: believing in magic or luck

4. g r a z e d 4. grazed
   hint: scraped or touched lightly

5. p l o p p i n g 5. plopping
   hint: allowing your body to drop heavily into a chair

6. w a g g e d 6. wagged
   hint: moved from side to side